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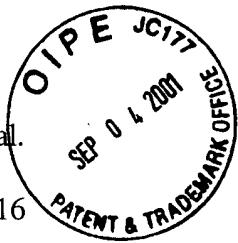
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THERMAL TREATING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND DUST REMOVING
METHOD AND APPARATUS

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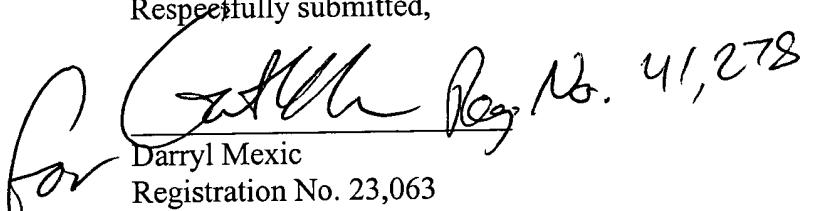
request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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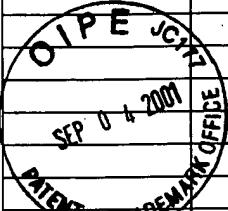
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